



Requirements for Septage Handlers

Managing Septage

Those businesses that deal with septage must:

1. Have each land application site, storage/treatment facility, and vehicle used for pumping and transporting septage inspected.
2. Renew all permits and vehicle identification numbers before the expiration date.

Land Applying Septage

Those businesses that land apply septage must comply with the following:

- Restrict access to the site for specific time periods after application;
- Utilize "Lime Stabilization" of the septage prior to application to significantly reduce pathogens;
- Submit the required quarterly reports;
- Not land apply septage to saturated, snow covered, or frozen soil;
- Employ the proper application rates based on nitrogen requirement of next year's crop;
- Use techniques which prevent erosion;
- Any "restaurant" grease (animal/vegetable only) that is land applied must be injected or otherwise incorporated into the soil within six (6) hours after application; and,
- Renew the land application site permit before its expiration.

Storing and Treating Septage

All septage storage/treatment facilities must

- Follow all setbacks required for facility location;
- As detailed in 327 IAC 7.1-4-11, a storage/treatment facility that is no longer being used must be closed in a manner protective of human health and the environment, requiring that the operator:
 1. Notify IDEM 30 days in advance that the facility is to be closed;
 2. Complete the closure within 120 days of notification;
 3. Properly dispose of the contents of the facility;
 4. Properly dismantle and remove the facility; and,
 5. Submit a certified statement that the requirements have been met.